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NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 201

TO: The Vice President
The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Secretary of the Treasury
The Attorney General
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Director of Central Intelligence
The Under Secretary of State
The Deputy Secretary of Defense
The Ambassador at Large
The Special Counsel to the President
The Acting Director, U. S. Information Agency
The Director, National Security Agency
The Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
Administrator, Federal Aviation Agency
Administrator, General Services Administration
Director, Office of Emergency Planning
Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs)
The Counselor of the Department of State

SUBJECT: Establishment of Subcommittee on Communications

There is hereby established a Subcommittee on Communications of the Executive Committee of the National Security Council. It shall be the responsibility of this subcommittee, under the direction of the Executive Committee, to ensure the establishment of a national communications system which will make the worldwide communications available to the United States Government as prompt, reliable, and secure as possible. The President has designated William H. Orrick, Jr., Deputy Under Secretary of State for Administration, to be Chairman of this subcommittee. Mr. Orrick will take whatever action is necessary to eliminate deficiencies which presently exist. He will look to all agencies for prompt and immediate support. He will have as Vice Chairman an officer designated by the Secretary of Defense, who shall be the representative of the Department of Defense, who has undertaken to give particular support to the pursuit of this objective.

In this task, Mr. Orrick should consult with and secure the cooperation of other departments, agencies, and the public sector as appropriate, drawing

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to the extent necessary upon the work done by the Emergency Planning Committee under NSAM 127. By copy of this memorandum, other agencies are instructed to cooperate with Mr. Orrick in this mission to the fullest extent. If Mr. Orrick encounters difficulties or resistance, he will report at once to the President.

McGeorge Bundy

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